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## Gateway, WRC, SG-UNO Budgets Approved

By Andy Ryba

The Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) approved budgets Thursday for the *Gateway*, Women's Resource Center (WRC) and Student Government during preliminary hearings.

Organizations that receive funding from the Fund A portion of student fees must first have their budgets approved through preliminary and final SABC hearings.

The Student Senate then receive the budgets where they undergo further scrutiny. The Senate then turns the budget over to Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of educational and student services, who then turns it over to Chancellor Del Weber for final approval.

Joleen Zabawa, speaking on behalf of WRC proposed that the director's stipend be increased to \$9,600, which breaks down to \$5 an hour, making the student position, "com-

parable to a kitchen worker."

The WRC, which is listed in the United Way/CHAD directory, Zabawa said, serves the community of Omaha as well as the UNO campus.

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—Joleen Zabawa, Women's Resource Center Director

the community," Zabawa said. "We feel like we have a social responsibility to the community."

Sen. Danielle Jensen opened debate on the issue, questioning whether the WRC director position should be on a volunteer basis.

Zabawa said the position is full time. "Who are you going to get to volunteer 40 hours a week?" she asked.

Regarding the community involvement in this organization, Frank Zahn, professor of economics and an SABC faculty member, said, "I think students should put dollars into

40-cent increase for the Student Government budget, proposed by Chief Administrative Officer Heather Rizzuto.

The *Gateway*, which receives partial funding through student fees, is reviewed biennially for budget adjustments.

Even though the *Gateway* is not up for a budget review this year, with the 6 percent decline in enrollment over the past year and a projected 8 percent decrease, it was eligible to receive an increase in student fees. An SABC policy statement allows a budget review in "off years" if enrollment drops 3 percent or more.

Carol Buffington, publications manager, proposed a budget which would cost each student \$1.67. With projected enrollment numbers being so low, the *Gateway* received a 14-cent increase per student which would allow the *Gateway* to maintain a \$61,660 budget, which is a 1-percent decrease from last year's \$62,328.

## Senate Shuffles Funds to Cover Enrollment Losses

By Kate Kulamaja

The Student Senate approved the transfer of about \$15,000 from the Agency Programming Reserve Account to the Fund A General Budget Account Thursday.

The Senate passed the resolution to transfer the money from the reserve account to the general budget for distribution in the 1995-96 fiscal year to help with the shortfall in Fund A.

Sen. Eric Wells said Fund A, which is a portion of student fees, is projected to have a shortfall of just above \$24,000, because of a 6.1 percent drop in enrollment.

The Agency Programming Reserve Account currently holds just above \$15,000.

Fund A provides budgets for the Student Government offices and the student agencies

of Student Government, which include the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR), the Disabled Students Agency (DSA), the Women's Resource Center (WRC), International Student Services (ISS) and the American Multicultural Students.

The Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) accepted a policy statement in March of 1992 that set up agency programming funds to allow the student agencies access to funds.

Sen. Wells said SABC is now responsible for the agencies programming monies.

University accounting was not notified of the transition and all rollover money was put into Agency Programming Reserve Account.

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—Scott Kemper

Student Sen. Danielle Jensen, left, makes a report on recycling as Sen. Miki Valenta listens at the Senate meeting Thursday.

## Regents Approve Master's Program

From Staff Reports

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved UNO's plan to offer a master's degree in management information systems Saturday.

New costs for the program, according to UNO reports, would involve about \$130,000 for an additional professor and assistant professor. Additional operating costs and funds for staff and equipment have not been calculated. One part-time faculty member and a stipend for a director will cost about \$4,500, according to the report.

The program still requires the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's approval.

Also approved Saturday were union contracts for 4-percent raises for UNO and University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) faculty.

Two percent increases will be given during the 1995-96 and 1996-97 academic years.

## 'Deathbed Visions' Intrigue Professor

By Deb Derrick

Bruce Horacek, UNO gerontology professor, wanted his 16-year-old daughter to "go to the light" as she lay dying in a Minneapolis hospital.

What happened in the last hours of Jennifer's life, even when she was unconscious, raised a lot of questions. Those questions led him to extensive research on near-death experiences reported by millions of people worldwide, he said.

Jennifer, his youngest daughter, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at age 2. She was in intensive care the last five days of a three-month hospitalization, on a respirator and drugged with morphine and valium.

"During those last three hours even when she was unconscious, several times she raised my hands in the air, even when she was incredibly weak," Horacek said. "I could not totally figure out what was going on other than both my wife and I felt this tremendous sense of peace."

Horacek said this behavior is typical of near-death awareness experiences described by nurse Maggie Callanan in a book titled "Final Gifts," published in 1991. Much of his own research ties in near-death awareness experiences, more commonly called "deathbed visions," with near-death experiences (NDEs).

Ray Moody coined the term "near-death experience" in

his book, "Life After Life," in 1975. People who come very close to death, or who "die" for a short time, may have these experiences while on the threshold of death, he said.

Horacek, who holds advanced degrees in theology and history, has met hundreds of people who have had NDEs. He isn't sure, but he may have experienced one himself in his early childhood. The majority of NDEs occur after a distinct physiological trigger, such as drowning, when a person is knocked unconscious, he said.

No two NDEs are alike, Horacek said, but there may be common elements. According to the International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS), an NDE includes one or more of the following things: an out-of-body experience, moving through a dark space or "tunnel," meeting a radiant light, meeting others, feeling at one with the universe and "all-knowing," having a life review, and returning to the body.

"Some see light at the end of the tunnel, proverbially," Horacek said. "Some, especially kids, meet spirit guides through the tunnel who take their hand."

"Often they will see luminous creatures, some of whom may be deceased relatives, friends, pets or whatever. Depending on what culture you are in, they may also be seen as Jesus, Moses or a spirit master who communicates great

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## Women Fastest Growing AIDS Group

### AIDS

By Deb Derrick

The percentage of women with AIDS is on the rise nationally and in Nebraska, according to an AIDS researcher at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Dr. Howard Gendelman, Med Center pathology and microbiology professor, said federal reports indicate women are experiencing the fastest growth of new AIDS cases in the United States, and Nebraska appears to be following this trend.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report said the number of AIDS cases among women in the United States is increasing by about 17 percent a year, compared with a 3 percent increase for all Americans.

"Five to 10 years ago, AIDS was almost nonexistent in women," Gendelman said.

In 1994, women made up 14,081 of the total 79,674 new AIDS cases among adults, according to the CDC report.

Younger women ages 18-34 now comprise about 10 percent of the total AIDS cases reported in the United States, Gendelman said, a figure that has doubled in the last few years.

"This is a dramatic rise in proportions in terms of who is getting AIDS," he said.

Gendelman said AIDS epidemiological patterns, dealing with causes, distribution and control of the disease, are

changing. The idea that only homosexual men get AIDS is just not true anymore. Bisexual men and heterosexuals, both male and female, get the disease through casual sex or illicit drug use, he said.

The shift from homosexual males to women is not surprising, he said. Because gay men are becoming better educated, the percentage of new cases among homosexuals is shrinking.

More women are getting AIDS because bisexual men and intravenous drug users can easily spread the virus to women through sexual contact, Gendelman said. AIDS is easier to transmit from men to women than the other way around.

The total number of people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, remains small. But the numbers could increase if AIDS isn't taken seriously, he said.

"Even though we don't hear about it as much as a couple of years ago, it hasn't gone away," he said. "Students at this age may feel invincible, that nothing is going to happen to them. People should consider this (AIDS) a possibility."

To help prevent AIDS, know your sexual partners. Use precautions and practice safe sex measures, Gendelman emphasized.

"Realize in the back of your head that when you have sex with someone, you are having sex with all the sexual partners the person has had."

AIDS is still a problem although the number of new cases is relatively small, he said.

"I don't want to be an alarmist," he said.

"AIDS is not taking over the college campuses. It is a significantly small problem, but it is still there."

## NEWS

### African Association Presents Awareness Series

UNO's African Students Association (ASA) will present a three-part discussion series designed to educate the university community about traditional African values and exchange views.

"Traditional African Values," the first program, will take place Thursday from noon until 1 p.m. in the Council Room of the Student Center. "Identity Crisis" is scheduled for March 2 at the same time in the Omaha Room of the Student Center. "Africa: Past, Present and Future," is set for March 9, same time, in the Council Room.

### Jazz Ensemble To Perform Thursday

UNO's Jazz Ensemble will perform Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.

### Concert to Feature French Composers

UNO's Concert Choir and University Chorus will feature the music of French composers Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.

### Poet, Writer Daniels To Visit UNO for Reading

"No Pets," a film by poet and fiction writer Jim Daniels will be shown Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Eppley Administration Building Auditorium.

Daniels will be on campus March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building, Room 333 to read his work and answer questions.

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tion unanimously, allocating money to the UNO Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) for National Collegiate Health and Wellness Week.

Jeff Kuhr, director of the drug and alcohol education committee, spoke at the meeting on behalf of SHAC. He asked for the Senate's co-sponsorship for the education programs they plan to hold during the week.

SHAC has raised more than \$1,000 so far, and the Senate allocated \$500 from the contingency fund for the event.

Kuhr said during National Collegiate Health and Wellness Week, March 6 - 10, would be the prime time for UNO to take part in health educational activities throughout the week.

This is the first time UNO will take part in the national event.

"We will bring in companies that are of interest to students, such as Lawlor's Sporting Goods and the Athlete's Foot," Kuhr said.

Kuhr also said Todd and Tyler from radio station Z-92 have already agreed to take part.

"This would be the right step for school spirit at UNO," Kuhr said.

In other business:

• Ted Theisen, a former Student Government senator, was appointed the new director of CCLR. "I would like to devote a lot of time to CCLR," Theisen said.

• Speaker Tony Hill said the rules committee is planning to completely review the Student Senate Constitution and by-laws due to unspecific areas. Hill said the constitution is hard to use and even though reviewing it will be a long process, it needs to be done.

• Brad Edmundson was appointed to the traffic appeals commission.

• Sen. J.B. Howell reported the impeachment process of Student Court Justice Derek Altman has been put on hold due to lack of evidence and testimony in the case.

"In my eyes, I've done nothing wrong," Altman said. "The impeachment hearing was an awful big shock to me."

## Washington More than a President

By Susan McElligott

There is more to remember on Washington-Lincoln Day than banks closing and holiday sales at department stores.

George Washington's birthday, which is actually Feb. 23, is a time to commemorate the life and accomplishments of one of America's best statesmen, said Kent Kirwan, UNO political science professor.

Kirwan is currently working on a book about Washington.

"Of all the presidents we've had, we've never had one who was worshipped as much as him or who accomplished as much as he did," he said.

Kirwan said that from his preliminary research, Washington seemed too good to be true. He has studied the major biographies on Washington, read many of the secondary works on the subject and even delved into the 39 volumes of Washington's own writings, he said.

"He probably preserved more of his writings than any other president, except perhaps Franklin D. Roosevelt," he said.

Kirwan said his book will focus on Washington's statesmanship, which he defined as his political thought and action.

"This was a time when the old, classical understanding of politics, which began with Plato and Aristotle many moons ago, was challenged by the more modern views espoused by Machiavelli, Hobbs and Locke," he said.

Although the United States was one of the first nations founded on these modern political views, the philosophies of the founding fathers were actually a mix of both schools of thought, he said.

Kirwan said he hopes to show through his work that Washington was more of a traditional, practical statesman. He characterized him as "Less of a genius than Jefferson or Hamilton, but someone who had unerring good judgment, whose extraordinary character was molded in the old tradition of the Greek and Roman statesmen."

Character was something that Washington had in abundance, he said. "He was unanimously chosen as president, something that's never happened since, because everybody trusted him immensely," he said. "It was his good character, not so much his genius, that really had people trusting him with such power."

Among Washington's biggest fans were women, Kirwan said.

"He paid attention to them and carried on correspondence with them and recognized that they had minds long before many men of his generation did," he said.

Some consider Washington indispensable in the founding of America, he said. Kirwan described the role Washington played as "remarkable."

Not only did he help win the Revolutionary War, but he presided over the Constitutional Convention and established the Constitution in his first two terms as president, he said.

"The Constitution was a piece of paper that had to be translated

into a working government and he was, in a large part, responsible for the success of this."

These accomplishments were especially notable because Washington had only the equivalent of an elementary education, he said. He taught himself how to write, and was very eloquent by the time he became president, Kirwan said.

For his day, Washington was physically a huge man, he said. He stood 6 feet 3 inches tall and James Madison, by contrast, was 4 feet 11 inches tall. Kirwan described Washington as a "gentle giant."

He said that one time a man Washington criticized when he was in the Virginia House of Burgesses approached him and beat on him with a riding crop.

"Everybody thought Washington was just going to reach

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—Scott Kemper

### Knight Moves

UNO Chess club members, clockwise, James Harvey, James Askew and Doug Dreher meet every Friday. Dreher is playing two opponents.



## Accident Reinforces 'Omaha Mayor Rolls Snake Eyes' Self-Determination

It is great to be back. This week, I want to tell you a little bit about my life experiences and why I have been away from my writing so long.

### COLUMN

Tugba Kalafatoglu

On a Tuesday night in November, I had a major car accident. I asked myself 'Why me and why now?' All my friends told me I had to stop asking and be glad to be alive. I feel sorry for my poor car, which was impossible to fix. Anyway, my point is how we should behave and what we can do when something unexpected happens in life, such as my accident and my operation afterward.

First, do not feel it is the end of your life, it's not. Everything has a solution. Ask yourself 'What can I do now?' Take a piece of paper and begin to describe the problem and solutions. For my car accident I called my insurance company, health insurance company, place of employment and then thought about the bills I had to pay.

Most importantly, never feel you are in trouble and can never solve the problem, because that way of thinking is wrong. Believe in yourself, you can do it. If I did it, everybody can. My family is far away from here. I am in a different country, and I had never been in an accident before. I didn't know the procedures of what I needed to do or where I could call for help. I was in so much pain and shock.

I could not go to school for nearly two and half weeks and missed so many classes. I finished all of my missed work plus writing papers, plus final exams. I earned all 'A's except in one of my classes. I am not a genius. I just go forward and believe in myself.

Let's look at other unexpected events. I met a woman who has two children and is going through a divorce. She is still in love with him. They were high school friends, dated each other for nearly 6 years and shared 10 years of marriage. When I met her, looking at her face, I could tell something was wrong. I asked her if there was anything I could do to help her, she started crying. It wasn't like crying, she was screaming and her face was turning red. I thought 'What did I do?' She explained it wasn't my fault, that she had just learned from her attorney that her husband wants to divorce as soon as possible to be with a younger woman. She began to explain the situation between her and her husband. There wasn't any big problem, her husband just wanted to change his life. I was shocked and didn't know what to say.

I told her life still goes on and she has two children to care for. I told her to think of it as a new door opening for her. She agreed and said since her husband is preparing a new life, she wasn't going to just sit and watch him do it. She said happiness and beauty are waiting for people to find them and figure them out. Life is so good. Draw a life which looks like our childhood dream. Life is difficult. Even if we pass or fail, we love ourselves and we love living in this atmosphere. So, let nothing get you down and always believe in yourself. You are so good and brave to pass all bad things in life.

Kalafatoglu is an international student at UNO from Turkey.

It looks as if our fortunes may finally be looking up for Omahans everywhere. Casinos, real live casinos, are finally coming to the area. It may take a while, but they will definitely show up in the Council Bluffs area, and I'm willing to bet they will open up on this side of the river eventually, too.

But, as with any great stride forward in civilization, there are some people who are afraid to change the status quo. They don't want to gamble on the future with what they see as a shady criminal practice. One of the leaders of the "No Casino" party is Mayor Hal Daub. He thinks a casino industry here in Omaha would cause the city to shoot craps.

Since I know that the good mayor must always read my column with bated breath and politically correct feelings in his heart, I have some thoughts to pass his way.

First off, we already have gambling here in the Couer de Ennui (that's Heart of Boredom for you monolinguals out there). There's a whole Ak-sar-ben neighborhood all around the racetrack, if you look at the shop signs. The track is an institution here. So is keno, it's easier to get than a beer in some bars. When you add in the Bluffs Run dog track, Casino Omaha (little shack in the boonies) and WinnaVegas (big shack in the boonies), you have a plethora of gambling treasures in the area.

So now that Iowa is saying that casinos and/or riverboats will soon dot the eastern landscape, our elders suggest that we post similar bastions of chance. Daub and other starched-tie types say it would make Omaha a big loser in the state. According to arguments I've heard, casinos will increase crime, drive homes into poverty, subvert our youth and assassinate Kennedy (the grassy knoll casino theory).

Let's take each of these for a spin on the wheel. First, let's tackle crime. Opponents say casinos breed crime in a town. Well, my hometown of St. Louis has had riverboats for a while now, and the crime rate hasn't shot up or anything. You don't find winos and hookers in any place they haven't always been. Crime at a casino is pretty tough when every house has an army of security guards all over it.

Besides, the casinos are coming to the Bluffs anyway. If casinos are related to crime, is an extra 10 minute drive really going to slow anybody down? I think not. A little debate I saw showed that 80 percent of the revenue from Council Bluffs casinos would come from the Omaha area. It translates into millions of dollars leaving the state. So why not keep it here, tax it and create jobs from it?

Having a casino does not mean that everyone will go broke, either. It's true that some people have problems with gambling, but gamblers have had all of the former means of

gambling at their disposal, so what's one more pass of the dice? If somebody wants to lose their paycheck, a technicality such as not having a casino won't stop them. Besides, if you go out and have fun, it usually costs something. When was the last time you walked out of the movies with more in your pocket than when you came in (excluding popcorn)?

I even heard Daub say the high school dropout rate would rise if Omaha got a casino. Either Daub knows a lot of 21-year-old high schoolers, or they changed some major gambling laws without me hearing about it. Little people don't get to play the big people games. In the same vein, a good casino will refuse to let really upset people or really drunk people place a wager (they don't have to cheat you to get their money).

Now here's the trump card. Omaha isn't big enough to support more than two, maybe three good-sized casinos.

There just isn't a big enough pool of fish here. But Iowa has plans for three casinos already, or so I've heard. If they do put up three of them, how many could we put up before there isn't enough to go around? If the Iowa casinos become operational before ours do, then

it will be a long shot if our own can survive.

So Mr. Daub, and all who agree with you, get off the pass line and put your money with a winner: Omaha-based casinos. It might be a little bad, but it should be mostly good. That's the way things go when you try something different, even if you know it's worked before.

A couple of casinos won't turn this town into Las Vegas, and it won't look like the bad "Twilight Zone" scene from "It's a Wonderful Life." The city will have another entertainment industry, which means more jobs and more tax revenue. Otherwise, Omaha may end up shooting craps over this whole casino game.

### COLUMN

Eric Feeler

## LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Regarding Student Body President Justin Peterson's letter to the editor (*Gateway*, Feb. 17), in which he questioned the effectiveness of condoms in preventing AIDS, I have good news. He doesn't have his facts right.

Condom effectiveness is not "70-something percent." Numerous empirical studies have shown that condoms, properly and consistently used, are completely effective in stopping HIV transmission during intercourse.

This includes studies of prostitutes, as well as couples in which one partner is infected and the other is not. Condom breakage is extremely rare if they are properly used. Certainly the risk of transmitting HIV is nowhere near the 30 percent that Peterson implied.

Sexual abstinence is not a bad thing. There are lots of good reasons why it is a good choice for many people. The fear of AIDS is not one of those reasons. Promoting ignorance and fear is about AIDS is not constructive.

Don Doumakes  
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knowledge," he said.

A "panoramic life review" is experienced by others, Horacek said. Every moment is relived simultaneously, but not like a newsreel. Some, including murderers, even relive the effects of their thoughts and actions on others, he said.

"Usually there is no third party judging, saying 'you did wrong, you are a bad person,'" he said.

Negative experiences also happen, Horacek said, although not as frequently. About 15 percent of NDEs are negative, he said.

A close friend who "died" during childbirth heard voices telling her everything, including her marriage and two children, was unreal, nonexistent, he said. The "dark" NDEs also transform people's lives, Horacek said.

"You can learn much about the light by seeing the darkness. The two are intertwined," he said.

Some choose to pull away from the light, to be revived, because of obligations. Others sense they are being kicked back from this dimension because it isn't their time to die, he said.

People with NDEs have trouble describing the experience to others, according to LANDS literature and Horacek. But their lives change dramatically, he said.

Most people have to go through a "debriefing," he said, and they may not even remember the NDE for days or months.

After then, the fear of death is gone, he said. People get interested in spirituality, in life's meaning and rethink their values.

"The biggest message all of them come back with are that only two things matter, because these things continue when we die: love and knowledge," he said.

"Love is in the sense of being connected to one another and to our universe. Knowing is kind of in the Biblical sense, not meaning facts."

People who have NDEs have a zest for life, Horacek said. This doesn't mean they are happy all the time, but they feel life is full of opportunities.

"It usually doesn't produce what you would call instant enlightenment where everything is hunky-dory and you become Mother Theresa and help cure illnesses," he said.

NDEs often cause divorce, job loss, or alcoholism, Horacek said. A friend of his who had an NDE in the Army told his doctor about the experience. Immediately afterward, he was put on Thorazine, an anti-psychotic medication.

"He didn't tell another soul for 10 years," Horacek said.

Most physicians think NDEs are caused by drugs or by the brain, as a psychological coping mechanism to deal with a traumatic event, he said. However, research is now being conducted on accounts of out-of-body experiences, including people who are blind from birth. While unconscious, these people have later given accounts of physical items placed in a room or conversations occurring hundreds of feet away, he said.

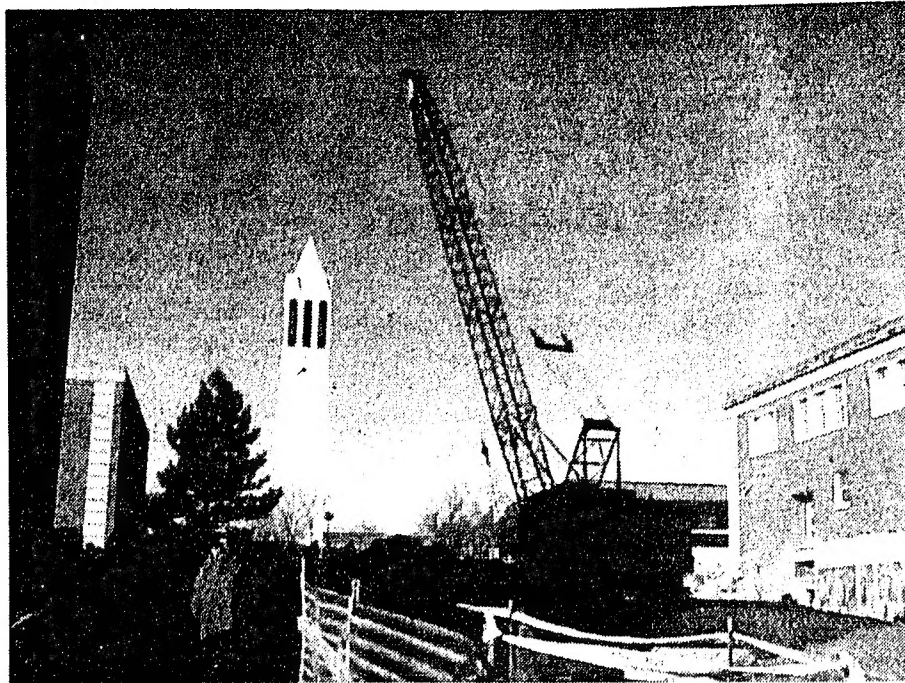
"The research on NDEs is still in the horse and buggy stage," Horacek said. "The simple fact is we are hearing more about NDEs and more people are being resuscitated."

Those people include celebrities, Horacek said. Sen. Bob Kerrey, Debra Winger, Kirk Douglas and Elizabeth Taylor are among those who have reported near-death experiences, he said.

Horacek said NDEs are a "tremendous help" and comfort to the dying and to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Grief doesn't go away, he said, likening it to an amputated leg.

"You can adapt to the loss of a leg and go through all the reactions, but each morning you get up and the leg is still gone," he said.

In grieving and learning about NDEs, Horacek's faith has strengthened and changed since Jennifer died. "I was born and still am a Catholic," he said. "But I'm not so 'Roman' anymore. I don't get hung up on theology."



—Scott Kemper

## Construction Saga Continues

Work continues on renovations and additions to the Student Center. In fall 1995 and spring 1996, this view will include a mall area and fountain.

down and crush the little fellow, but he didn't. He just stood there and took it, and he apologized to the man for having upset him," he said.

Although he was gentle, he was hardly a doormat, Kirwan said.

As a military leader, Washington was a strict disciplinarian, who risked his life a number of times, he said.

As president, he made tough decisions such as negotiating the Jay Treaty, a commercial agreement between the United States and Great Britain, which drew a lot of criticism.

"Now, looking back over 200 years, everything he did turned out to be right," he said.

Washington even did the right thing by quit-

ting when he did, he said.

"He had the good sense to retire after two terms so we could see and practice how a peaceful succession takes place," he said.

Kirwan said he plans to use his work on Washington as a basis for critiquing some aspects of the modern office of presidency. Not since Abraham Lincoln has there been a president who could hold a candle to Washington, he said.

"He had an extraordinary opportunity in the forming of a new country," Kirwan said. "I don't know if we'll ever have another one like him, but we could sure use someone who came close; someone with that kind of character and wisdom and self-confidence."

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# Study Program Broadens Horizons

## Students Get Taste Of Different Cultures

By Jael N. Adams

Japan, Germany, Austria, Israel and the Czech Republic are a few of the places UNO students may go to study abroad.

"The purpose of the study abroad program is to help students find appropriate places for study overseas, to broaden their understanding of other cultures," said Raheem Yaseer, coordinator of UNO's International Exchange Programs for UNO.

"UNO is a member of a consortium of 20 universities in Europe and 16 in the United States," he said.

Graduate students and undergraduates can apply, Yaseer said.

The Study Abroad Office in Arts and Sciences Hall will help students contact universities, assist in finding appropriate financial aid, visas and transportation arrangements, Yaseer said.

Depending on the country and university involved, knowledge of another language is not always necessary, he said. Many courses are taught in English. Some have summer programs that are English-based, Yaseer said.

Often a student will take part in a summer program and, based on that experience, will decide whether to return for a longer period, he said. Many students go for at least a year, Yaseer said.

There are two types of programs, he said. Some are UNO sponsored and some are exchange programs where both countries involved exchange students.

Depending on the program and the country, there are occasionally more applicants than openings, he said. In that case, there is a screening committee that considers each applicant, based on foreign language proficiency, academic performance and other factors related to the program and country involved, he said.

Personality and behavior can also be factors for consideration, Yaseer said.

"This person we send overseas will be an American

ambassador," Yaseer said. "We wouldn't want to send an undesirable, a bad element."

Besides placing students in the program with a foreign adviser, UNO keeps in touch with their study abroad students, he said.

"In some cases, a student will live with a family for a short while, one month, two months," Yaseer said. "Foreign universities do not generally have the same concept of campus that we have. If there is no host family, often there is a student hostel. A building here or there in town, a private house and these hostels or pensions are where the students will live. Basically, they are on their own."

Yaseer said the students are encouraged to keep in touch. Some will naturally have trouble adjusting to a foreign country and culture. It can be difficult, he said.

"The problems of health, food and language are all part of the experience," he said. "It is not easy to adjust to an alien culture."

No one should dismiss the study abroad program as being too expensive, Yaseer said.

"If a person is eligible for financial aid, then financial aid is also available for studying abroad," he said.

Yaseer said the study abroad office is there to answer any questions and to provide assistance to interested students.

Some study abroad options include a summer volunteer program in Latin America, the Nebraska Semester Abroad program in Belgium and the Czech Republic, the Bethsaida Excavation Project in Israel, the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program and the Congress-Bundestag Exchange in Germany.

These programs vary in language requirements, cost and amount of time spent abroad.

Some students have recently returned from Germany and Japan, Yaseer said.

There are currently about 40 students overseas in the study abroad program, he said.

On campus, there are currently about 200 foreign exchange students involved in the Intensive Language program, he said.

## '1 in 500 Students Infected with HIV'

(CPS) Last year, the University of Washington distributed 40,000 prophylactics during "Condom Week" to educate students on the Seattle campus about the dangers of AIDS. This year, joining condoms were pamphlets, speakers from family planning and AIDS organizations and face-to-face discussions with health agencies at educational booths—and the week was renamed "Safer Sex Week."

UW's bolstered effort came about the same time that U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta announced that AIDS replaced accidents as the No. 1 killer of American adults ages 25 to 44.

"The university figured information and education and condoms were all-inclusive," said Renee Richardson, a coordinator of the University of Washington's Safe Sex Week. "Last year we tried to be more entertaining to draw students out and invited Dr. Ruth Westheimer. Rather than 'Condom Week,' we wanted a different approach."

National studies have shown one in every 500 college students are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. But on some campuses, the rates of infection may be much higher. At the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, college health authorities estimate as many as one student in every 150 is infected. This exceeds the HIV-infection rate among southern California's general population, which is estimated to be one in every 250 people.

But statistics indicate large city college campuses aren't the only ones affected by AIDS. The CDC said that AIDS now is the leading killer of young adults in 79 U.S. cities, including such places as Springfield, Ill.; Omaha; and Tulsa, Okla.

"It was very alarming when we all first heard of it here," said Lori Griffin, a senior education major at Tulsa University. "In high school, it was something none of us knew about."

Statistics indicate the college years pose the highest risk of infection.

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## UW Students Turning 21 Can Expect Birthday Mail

EAU CLAIRE, Wis.(CPS)—University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students who are turning 21 can expect a birthday card from the university.

But the cards contain more than the obligatory congratulations and well-wishes. It also reminds students to drink responsibly.

Last December, UW junior Marc Dybdahl drank himself to death on his 21st birthday. He had spent the evening celebrating with friends, at one point downing between 10 to 12 shots of alcohol in less than an hour. Too drunk to walk home, Dybdahl was carried back to his apartment by friends. He was found dead in his bed the next morning.

"Marc's family members, his friends and a lot of people at the university wanted to do something to make Marc's death more meaningful," said Jan Wisner, a spokesperson for the university. "It was decided that the best way to do that was to help remind others to avoid the same fate."

UW's Office of the Associate Dean of Students will begin sending out the cards in March, hoping to reach students shortly before they head to the bars to celebrate their 21st birthday.

Although the design of the card may change, the first version includes an illustration of a figure with 21 gun barrels pointed at him. The caption reads, "Twenty-one shots can be just as deadly."

Wisner said that a statement about Dybdahl's death is included in the card. "We want to make students think about what they may be doing that evening," said Wisner. "We want to remind them that if they're not careful, their birthday celebration can have tragic results."

## NCSU Posts Grading Curves During Registration

RALEIGH, N.C.—North Carolina State University students worried about getting that infamous professor who gives out nothing but C's, D's and F's can rest a little easier next time they register.

Thanks to an agreement between NCSU's student government and the university's administration, students have access to the grading habits of some instructors.

Grades for some classes now are posted on the Internet. These listings, which are only available with a NCSU password, show the breakdown of grades for each class that has more than 50 members. So students trying to decide which section of Psychology 101 they should take can get a glimpse at how many of their classmates left the class with an A.

"This is something we've been working on for a long time, but it's really only the first step," said Megan Jones, NCSU's student senate president.

University officials were skeptical about posting the grades at first, saying they were concerned with protecting students' privacy. By settling on grades from classes with more than 50 students, administrators and student leaders felt comfortable that the anonymity of students would be protected.

"If you're in a class with 10 other people, you could probably figure out what the rest of the class got," said Jones.

But Jones, an English major, said while the 50-person requirement helps students who are taking lecture classes, it really doesn't do much to aid those students in smaller classes.

"We eventually want to publish reports that include professors' teaching styles and their backgrounds," she said. "Right now we're just somewhere between where we started and where we want to go."

## 14 Students Injured in Midnight Fraternity Fire

ADA, Ohio (CPS)—A fire quickly spread through an Ohio Northern University fraternity house shortly after midnight Feb. 6, injuring 14 students. Five are still hospitalized, including three in critical condition.

The fire started on the second floor of the three-story Sigma Pi house at 12:10 a.m. and quickly spread throughout the floor, where some fraternity members were asleep in their rooms. Fire officials arrived on the scene within minutes and had the fire under control in less than an hour.

Fourteen students were taken to local hospitals. Five remain hospitalized, including two students who sustained first-, second- and third-degree burns and remain in intensive care at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Toledo. Three other students who suffered from first- and second-degree burns are listed in good condition at Memorial Hospital in nearby Lima.

Four students who suffered smoke inhalation were released after treatment. Five others were treated for burns, abrasions and contusions and then released.

Ada fire officials said the cause of the fire is still unknown and that the fraternity house presently is "unlivable."

The Sigma Pi house, which is located on campus, was home to 25 members. University spokesperson Monty Siekerman said temporary housing was located for all members by noon Monday. Officials will make an unoccupied university-owned house available for 12 of the members. The remaining members of Sigma Pi will be placed in permanent housing elsewhere on campus for the semester.

"The fire has been a rallying point for compassion and sacrifice for students, school employees and local businesses," said Siekerman. "Students are bringing in sacks full of stuff for the fraternity members."

## Harvard Officials Identify Virus

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.(CPS)—Harvard University officials think they've finally discovered what made more than 200 students violently ill last December.

After examining results from a series of tests and student questionnaires, school officials say that the Norwalk virus was the probable cause of sickness for the 225 students who became ill after eating in a cafeteria in the freshmen union.

With help from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, Harvard health personnel were able to rule out salmonella, botulism and other forms of bacteria-based causes for the illness. They suspect that the Norwalk virus, a common human virus which can be spread by coughs and contact with unwashed hands, tainted some unidentified food in the cafeteria.

"We evaluated every aspect of our meal preparation and are comfortable with the system we have," said Michael Berry, director of dining services. Berry added that dining services did drop a produce vendor because of questionable food safety practices.

In mid-December, some students who had eaten at the freshmen union began checking into Harvard's Stillman Infirmary complaining of stomach aches. In less than a week, 225 students were treated for various degrees of gastrointestinal illness. Meal preparation at the freshmen union was temporarily halted after a link was made to the illness.

Since the outbreak, Harvard students say they've noticed cafeteria staff members taking more sanitary precautions while preparing and serving food.

## SUNY Hero Becomes Zero After Lawsuit

ALBANY, N.Y.(CPS)—Jason McEnaney has gone from a faceless student to overnight hero to one of the most vilified guys on campus in less than two months.

The 19-year-old State University of New York student was hailed a hero by classmates and administrators in December after jumping an armed gunman who held a class hostage.

But after filing a lawsuit last month seeking \$20 million in damages from the university, McEnaney said he has received hate mail and threatening phone calls at his Hicksville home.

Last December, McEnaney jumped 26-year-old Ralph Tortorici after he held 35 students in a Greek history class hostage for more than two hours at SUNY-Albany. McEnaney lunged at Tortorici while following his orders to walk from one side of the room to the other and was shot in the leg and in the abdomen. Four other students then wrestled Tortorici, who was armed with a rifle and knife, to the ground and waited for police.

Tortorici has since been charged with three counts of attempted murder and 35 counts of reckless endangerment.

Through his attorney, Neil Shayne, McEnaney filed a \$20 million lawsuit with the school, claiming that school officials failed to provide a safe campus environment and were aware that Tortorici was potentially dangerous to other students.

Since filing the suit, McEnaney has received hate mail and threatening phone calls. Callers to local radio shows have been critical of McEnaney as well.

According to SUNY spokesperson Joel Blumenthal, school officials offered to pay all of McEnaney's medical expenses that were not covered by insurance, as well as his tuition if he returned to the university. McEnaney took a leave of absence from school after the hostage incident.

Shayne says that McEnaney will probably transfer to another school closer to his home in Hicksville.



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# Clinton Administration to Revamp Pell Plan

WASHINGTON (CPS)—The Clinton administration has announced plans to restructure the Pell Grant program serving thousands of American college students and to increase the maximum amount available under the program.

Clinton's fiscal year 1996 budget plan would raise the maximum grant by \$280, from \$2,340 to \$2,620. However, it also would split eligible students into two groups, with those in academic programs seeking aid through Pell and many in vocational programs receiving aid through a new program at the U.S. Department of Labor.

The restructuring is part of Clinton's overall \$1.61 trillion budget plan, which was unveiled Feb. 6 and outlines \$144 billion in cutbacks for deficit reduction and middle-class tax cuts over the next five years.

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Under the plan, Clinton has proposed consolidating 70 job training programs, mostly from the Departments of Education and Labor, and using the money to offer "Skill Grants" to students in vocational, non-degree programs. The grant amounts could reach \$2,620, the same amount as under Pell.

Administration officials call their Skill Grant proposal a fundamental element of the president's GI Bill for American Workers, which seeks to develop more cost-effective, better-targeted job training programs.

The proposal follows a year of intense

debate in the Clinton administration and the higher education community about how best to reform student financial aid programs. Reports of abuses by for-profit trade schools who enroll unprepared students in costly, short-term vocational programs has eroded public confidence in Pell and other financial aid programs, say some educators.

"There's a clear difference between those in vocational programs and those in academic programs," said Arnold Mitchem, executive director of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations.

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However, some community colleges oppose the move, saying it would cause major changes for institutions that focus on both academic and vocational programs. The plan would dramatically affect "who these institutions are," one advocate said.

David Pierce, president of the American Association of Community Colleges, said the proposed change would make administering grants to students much tougher and more complex for community colleges.

"If one-third of Pell Grants are shifted to the Skill Grant program, instead of dealing with one program, community colleges would deal with two programs and two agencies for the same total number of students."

Meanwhile, the increase in the maximum Pell Grant, if approved, would recover lost ground. Since 1992, funding for the program

has remained relatively flat.

"The Pell Grant is the basic lifeline to higher education for many working families and many Americans with low incomes," said U.S. Department of Education Secretary Richard Riley in announcing the budget blueprint.

Overall, the amount of money budgeted in Pell for degree-seeking students would increase by almost \$700 million, the budget plan states. As a result, an estimated 2.8 million students would receive grant awards in 1996, up from 2.7 million this year.

According to Department of Education officials, not only would more students receive Pell Grants in 1996, but the average student would receive slightly more money under Clinton's plan. The average Pell Grant would increase from \$1,545 to \$1,710, they said.

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However, some education groups are taking a "wait-and-see" attitude on the entire Pell Grant package until they find out more details. Some educators are questioning administration estimates of how many students are enrolled in vocational programs.

"It's unclear where those numbers come from," said Sharon Thomas Parrott, vice president of governmental relations at DeVry Institute, which operates degree-granting vocational programs that presumably would not fall under the new program because of their

degree emphasis.

Student groups also voiced caution. "We haven't figured out where the Pell Grant increase is coming from yet," said Jeannette Galanis, vice president of the United States Student Association.

Elsewhere, the administration's student aid budget would freeze most post-secondary education programs.

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Federal support for college work-study and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants would remain at \$617 million and \$583 million, respectively. The plan also would cut State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG) in half to \$31.4 million, part of a two-year plan to phase out this program, Education Department officials said.

Federal support for scholarships and fellowships also would fall dramatically under the plan. The budget would eliminate eight small programs, including Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowships aimed at recruiting underrepresented minorities. The Department of Education said the program duplicates other federal programs with a similar aim.

Federal support for National Science Scholars and Javits Fellowships also would end under the proposal.

Funding freezes would affect many other programs, including support for historically

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# Wrestlers Pin NCC Championship

By Tim Rohwer

On to the national championships.

That's the next and final trip for the UNO wrestling team after winning the North Central Conference (NCC) title Sunday in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The Mavs, who won their only other NCC title in 1991 en route to the NCAA Division II championship, scored 85 points and qualified eight wrestlers for this year's national meet March 3 and 4 at Kearney, Neb.

UNO will enter the national tournament as the nation's No. 2 team in Division II, behind Central Oklahoma.

"This team has worked hard all year and they earned it," said Mavs Coach Mike Denney. "Last week, they worked extra hard getting ready for this tournament and they responded. They really stepped it up. It was a great team effort and we also had great support from our fans who were there. It all helped."

Seniors Steve Costanzo and Brian Zanders repeated as NCC champions in their respective weight divisions.

Costanzo pinned Northern Colorado's Tony Benallo in 4:33 in the finals of the 134-pound match to improve to 33-6 this year. It was also his 129th career victory, third most in UNO history.

Zanders defeated John Belyea of Northern Colorado, 11-5, to win the 150-pound championship. He improved his record this year to 32-4.

"Both of them wrestled really well. They were dominate in their weight classes," said Gary Anderson, UNO's sports information director.

North Dakota State (NDSU), which has won the NCC the last three years and 12 of the last 13, finished second with 73 points.

"It was like two boxers standing toe to toe and trading punches," Denney said of the battle between UNO and the Bison. "Eventually, we just wore them down. They're a great rival for us and they're be tough in the nationals."

The final team scoring was UNO 84, NDSU 73, Northern Colorado 53, Mankato State 52.5, St. Cloud State 44, South Dakota State 43.5, North Dakota 21.5 and Augustana 17.

The other Mavs who qualified for the nationals were senior Lim Prim, who finished second in the 118-pound division; senior Jimmie Foster, third at 126; sophomore Jason Hutson, second at 158; junior Raphael Kizzee, second at 167; sophomore Pat Kelley III, third at 190; and junior Wade Kroeze, third at heavyweight.

The top three finishers in each weight class qualified for the nationals.

"Our whole team performed well and the leadership of our seniors was a big part of this," Denney said of Costanzo, Foster, Prim and Zanders. "They are our backbone. They lead us."

Before the NCC tournament, Denney said he believed all 10 of his starters could qualify for the nationals, a feat which never happened before. Junior Erin Daugherty at 142 and freshman John Colling at 177 were the only starters who didn't qualify and they had understandable reasons, Denney said.

"Erin was suffering from a bad shoulder and he was wrestling less than 100 percent," he said. "John was sick a few days earlier and it took a little something out of him. They really showed their determination, though."

Daugherty failed to place in his weight class, while Colling finished fifth in his.

The competition was close between UNO and the Bison heading into the evening's championship matches, Anderson said.

"It was UNO leading 68-63 going into the evening matches which were for first and third places and when Brian Kapusta of North Dakota State beat Prim at 118 pounds, the score got to 68-66," he said. "Foster came back and got a major decision at 126 points, which was third points for us. In the meantime, the 126-pound wrestler for North Dakota State (George Thompson) got beat in overtime in his match and didn't get any points. That was a key part of the tournament for us. Also, when Costanzo pinned his opponent at 134, that made the score 76-66 and that's where we opened up."

Final UNO results at the NCC tournament:

118 - Brian Kapusta (NDSU), dec. Lim Prim, 5-2, for first.  
126 - Jimmie Foster, maj. dec. Keith Menke (Mankato), 16-7, for third.

134 - Steve Costanzo, pinned Tony Benallo (Northern Colorado), 4:22, for first.

142 - Erin Daugherty failed to place

150 - Brian Zanders, dec. John Belyea (Northern Colorado), 11-5, for first.

158 - Gene Hanneman (St. Cloud), maj. dec. Jason Hutson, 12-4, for first.

167 - Justin Smith (Mankato), dec. Raphael Kizzee, 4-3, for first.

177 - John Colling, dec. Prentice Smith (Mankato), 14-3, for fifth.

190 - Pat Kelley III, maj. dec. Ryan Palmer (Augustana), 8-0, for third.

Heavyweight - Wade Kroeze, dec. Dieken Swalla



—Scott Kemper

## Swing Batter!

Baseball season opens in March with a game against the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

## Bison Leave Mavs Trailing in the Dust

By Tim Rohwer

Lori Roufs of North Dakota State (NDSU) set a school record and a North Central Conference (NCC) record by scoring 43 points against the UNO women's basketball team Saturday as the Bison galloped to a 97-63 win.

Roufs hit 20 of 27 field goals and all three of her free throws. She scored 21 of her points in the first half as the Bison led 52-33.

"She's a great rebounder and a lot of her points were on putbacks," said Mavs Coach Cherri Mankenberg. "She just went nuts against us and left everyone in the dust."

The Bison, the nation's No. 1 team in the NCAA Division II, improved to 24-0 overall and 15-0 in the NCC.

The Mavs, who fell to North Dakota (UND) the previous evening, 87-67, dropped to 12-11 overall and 6-8 in the NCC.

Mistakes and the inability to grade rebounds doomed UNO from the start against the Bison.

What seemed to be on most of their baskets, the Bison scored on the second or third opportunity as the Mavs simply couldn't get into position for rebounding.

"North Dakota State is the best rebounding team I've ever seen, men's or women's teams," Mankenberg said. "Last week in practice, we focused on hitting the boards and keeping them (NDSU) boxed out. We just didn't do a good job."

Turnovers also plagued the Mavs as they had 20 in the first half, compared to only eight for NDSU.

"That killed us," Mankenberg said. "We acted very nervous. Of course, North Dakota State is quick and strong. They always seem to have their hands around the ball."

Ironically, UNO shot a sizzling 61 percent from the field in the first half, hitting 14 of 23 shots. But that only accounted for 28 points. The Mavs were hitting, but they just couldn't get enough shots off.

In the first three minutes, NDSU jumped off to an 8-2 lead which was helped by three traveling violations on the Mavs.

A little later, the Mavs were unable to get the ball in play in the allotted five seconds and this led to another Bison basket which made the score, 14-6.

Several traveling calls and bad passes continued to plague the Mavs, and with less than nine minutes left in the first half, they saw themselves down 26-8.

The Bison never let up and led by 19 points at the half.

The only excitement in the second half was how many points Roufs would score. At one point, she scored four straight baskets, including one at the 7:42 mark to give the

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## Mavs Help Turn the Page on Illiteracy



—Scott Kemper

Mav softball player Jill Patten helps out at the Celebrate Literacy Weekend Book Sale.

By Tim Rohwer

Members of the UNO softball and football teams spent part of last weekend's sunny weather indoors, helping to make the lives of thousands of people brighter.

The athletes donated their time at the Celebrate Literacy Weekend Book Sale at the Crossroads Mall.

The Mavs worked at the cash registers, stocked the tables with books and helped carry items to customers' cars.

Their presence, especially for children, was probably the most important duty.

"Kids need role models, and if you're an athlete you're going to be a role model for a lot of kids," said linebacker John Arrington. "When kids walk by these tables and if they see you're an athlete, then they'll think it's a good idea to read."

The Mavs wore their sports jerseys to identify themselves as athletes.

Assistant Football Coach Lance Leipold said, "It's good for these players to get their faces out, instead of just under a helmet. The people who walk by these tables can see the other side of an athlete."

The sale, in its third year, has several important goals, said Pauline Beck, chairwoman of the Omaha Literacy Council.

"The purposes are to raise funds for the council's activities, to make the public aware that there is an illiteracy problem, and to show the illiterate population that we are concerned about the problem," she said.

The illiteracy problem is growing in the Omaha area, Beck said.

"There are about 75,000 adults in this area who are functionally illiterate. That's about one in every eight adults. By the year 2000, it will climb to about one in five adults," she said. "And that's just adults. I have no idea how many kids are illiterate. I'm

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# Mavs Face 33rd Straight Road Loss Against Bison

By Tim Rohwer

Ouch. That pretty much sums up the story behind the UNO men's basketball team's trip to North Dakota this past weekend.

The North Dakota State (NDSU) Bison crushed the Mavs, 97-61, on Saturday night, which followed an 86-61 loss to the Sioux of North Dakota (UND) the previous evening.

"It wasn't a whole lot of fun. They cleaned our clocks," said Coach Tim Carter. "The disappointing thing was on both nights, we were getting great shots, we were doing things correctly. We just weren't hitting our shots."

The Mavs also played without sophomore forward Derrick Bogay, who was indefinitely suspended from the team.

"I won't go into details. It was just something that happened in practice," Carter said of Bogay's suspension. "He's really not a bad person and it wasn't that big a deal."

The losses dropped UNO to 10-13 overall and 4-10 in the North Central Conference (NCC). More ominously, Saturday's loss was the 33rd straight road defeat by the Mavericks. They have not won a road game since the last weekend of the 1991-92 season when, ironically, they beat both North Dakota schools.

There would be no deja vu this time.

Against the Bison, UNO suffered two long dry spells in the first half that turned the contest into a rout.

The only time the Mavs led was in the first minute when sophomore guard Richard Jones hit a long jumper that put UNO ahead 3-2.

After NDSU scored five straight points, freshman forward Tim Burrell hit another three-pointer for the Mavs to close the deficit to 7-6.

The Bison quickly followed with a basket, but junior

center John Skokan answered that with a basket underneath to keep the game close.

Then came the first of UNO's dry spells, and the Bison took advantage of it in a big way by scoring 11 straight points for a 20-8 advantage.

The Mavs momentarily regained their shooting touch and outscored NDSU 6-2 during one stretch.

After a basket by the Bison put them ahead 27-15, sophomore guard Peter Ledford scored at the 8:24 mark to bring the Mavs back to within 10 with plenty of time for a rally.

A basket by sophomore forward Michael Rieves with 6:38 minutes left in the first half kept the Mavs within striking distance at 31-21.

Then came the second dry spell. The Mavs didn't score again in the half.

Brian Sand, a 6-foot-8 center, made two three-pointers for the Bison during the remaining time and NDSU led comfortably at halftime, 42-21.

"When you're not hitting the shots, when you're cold, you have to play harder on defense and we're just not stopping people," Carter said. "We gave them easy shots."

UNO scored the first two buckets of the second half, but there would be no miracle comeback on this night.

The Bison continued to score at will, and with about 10 and a half minutes remaining led 66-37. At the 8:09 mark, NDSU increased its lead to 78-39 and the Mavs was probably wondering which was the fastest way to get out of town.

Sand led the Bison with 17 points, while Skokan was UNO's top scorer with 16. He also had 11 rebounds. Jones, who scored 11 points, and Ledford, who contributed 10, were the only other Mavs in double figures.

The Bison improved their mark to 19-5 overall and 11-4 in the NCC, good for first place.

The Mavs close their home season this weekend with games against South Dakota and Morningside.

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sure there are many out there."

Beck said a person who is functionally illiterate can't read a newspaper beyond that of a third-grader. They don't understand traffic signals, except for the stop sign. Perhaps more dangerous, they can't understand the directions on medicine bottles.

"They can subsist in life, but they can't function and they can't better themselves," she said. "And that is costing all of us because they can't add to society as much as they could."

Beck said a big concern is that many young people who are illiterate can somehow still graduate from high school, even college, and therefore not bring attention to professionals about their problem.

"My first student was a person who graduated from high school, but she didn't know what a dictionary was or how to use it," said Beck.

"I also heard of a man who graduated from college who didn't know how to read. Whenever there was a test, I think he passed the test through a window outside to someone else who took it for him."

Beck said another concern is that many people become too embarrassed to seek help for their illiteracy. Only when they begin raising children do many come face to face with their problem.

"One of the top reasons that people come to us is that they want to be able to read to their children and they can't," she said.

Omaha television station KMTV began publicizing the book sale earlier this month and urged people to take books to drop-off spots at area Baker's supermarkets.

Beck said the response this year has been fantastic.

"Last year, we had only about 4,000 books that were dropped off at the supermarkets, while this year we had about 51,000. With books that came in from other means, we have about 100,000 for this sale. That shows you that people are getting concerned about the illiteracy problem," she said.

Beck also praised the UNO athletes for their concern.

"They've lifted my spirits. Kids look up to athletes as role models and when they see them here the kids think reading is important," she said. "You can actually see that in the kids' eyes."

A couple of the football players interviewed said being able to read is important in today's society.

"I'm grateful that I learned to read at an early age because it helped me get a college education," Arrington said. "Reading expands your overall knowledge. If you can't read, your life is in a shell."

Linebacker Kory Andreasen added, "I started reading when I was young and it helped me with getting good grades. That's your only way at this level."

Beck said the Omaha Literacy Council has a few full-time employees, but is made up mostly of volunteer tutors.

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Freshman guard Jacinda Van Fossen led UNO with 12, while junior forward Michelle Spetman had 10.

On Friday, five players scored in double figures as the third-ranked Sioux won easily also.

The game was close for a time, but a cold spell late in the first half doomed the Mavs.

Sophomore forward Amy Breen scored three straight points to pull UNO to within 24-19 with 4:27 left in the half, but a 9-2 run helped UND to a 36-25 halftime advantage.

The Sioux had a 15-6 run to open the second half and made the game a mismatch.

Sheri Kleinsasser led UND with 19 points, while Pam Stoltz added 15.

Spetman led the Mavs with 13 points.

UND dominated on the boards with 50 rebounds to UNO's 34.

The Mavs play their final two games at home this weekend against South Dakota and Morningside.

"Both games are going to be a dogfight, but we want to finish the season in style," Mankenberg said. "I think there's bigger and better things ahead of us."

"There's often a 10-year period from when people get the virus (and die) so the people getting infected are 15 to 30 years old."

While the majority of students understand that condoms are the best protection against AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, few students claim to use them on a regular and consistent basis, according to American Social Health Association.

A national study of sex practices taken last year by the University of Chicago indicated only 10 percent of Americans with one sex partner used condoms regularly. The information also showed only 30 percent of Americans said they used condoms at any time.

In 1993, about 35 of every 100,000 young adults died from AIDS. Meanwhile, about 32 per 100,000 died from accidents. Cancer, heart, disease, suicide and murder followed.

der followed.

More than 441,000 Americans have contracted AIDS since 1981, and more than 250,000 have died, the CDC said. Worldwide, health officials estimate that more than 10 million adults and about 1 million children have been infected with the HIV virus since the pandemic started.

Meanwhile, American college students aren't the only students who are being targeted for AIDS education. In China, the nation's education departments introduced AIDS prevention and treatment courses in colleges this year. Of the 1,400 Chinese infected with HIV between 1985 and July 1994, more than half were between the ages of 20 and 29.

"The more targeted the message is and the more explicit it is, the better," said Williams. "People accept this information and understand it better if people don't speak in code."

black colleges and universities and TRIO programs that help recruit low-income, disadvantaged students into higher education.

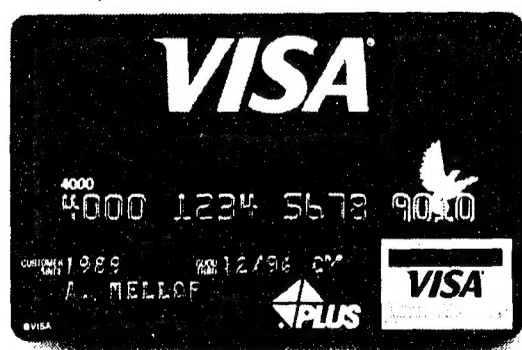
One of the few higher education programs slated for expansion is the president's new direct-loan program, currently in place at more than 100 institutions. The budget plan calls for direct loans to cover 80 percent of the loan market by 1997 and all loan volume by 1998. The White House says the initiative will save money by cutting out subsidies to banks.

This plan likely will face strong opposition on Capitol Hill where top Senate and House Republicans already are on record wanting to scale back the program. The direct loan program currently operates alongside the traditional student loan program that relies extensively on banks to provide students guaranteed loans for education.

The entire fiscal 1996 budget plan now goes to Congress, where Republicans controlling both houses are expected to seek less money for many of these programs. The House and Senate will hold hearings on the budget before the fiscal year, which begins in October.

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